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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 11 with the following paragraph:

The directory service 221 may be one implementation of the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) standard for directory access. The Active Directory™ directory service, developed and licensed by the Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Washington is one example of such a directory service. ~~directory service and include just one sentence that in a preferred embodiment the directory service is Active Directory.~~ Although the invention may be preferably implemented in the Active Directory directory service, other directory services, such as Novell, Inc.'s NDS eDirectory™ or iPlanet's Directory Server™ service, may also benefit from the teachings of the invention[.,]. The directory service 221 stores information about objects in a domain, including users, groups, and computers. An object contains information (called attributes) about an individual item, such as a particular user, computer, or piece of hardware. For example, a user object's attributes would likely include name, telephone number, and manager name. For the purpose of this discussion, a "domain" is a collection of computers and their associated security groups that are managed as a single entity. Password information and privileges for domain users and groups are stored in the directory service, which is replicated across the computers that are designated as domain controllers of the domain. A "domain controller" is a server holding a replicated directory partition within a domain. A domain may have more than one domain controller.